

Healthy Families Indiana

FSSA Key Priority Goal

Conduct Healthy Families screenings for 90 percent of Hoosier births, offering services to 100 percent of at-risk families, with 99 percent of participants having no substantiated cases of abuse or neglect while in the program

Healthy Families Indiana (HFI) is designed to help promote healthy childhood growth and development and prevent child abuse and neglect by assisting Hoosier parents to provide their children healthy and safe environments.

This voluntary home visitation program helps reduce:

- Childhood abuse and neglect;
- Childhood health problems; and
- Juvenile delinquency.

Healthy Families Indiana helps parents to access health care and parental education and connects them to community resources and service organizations.

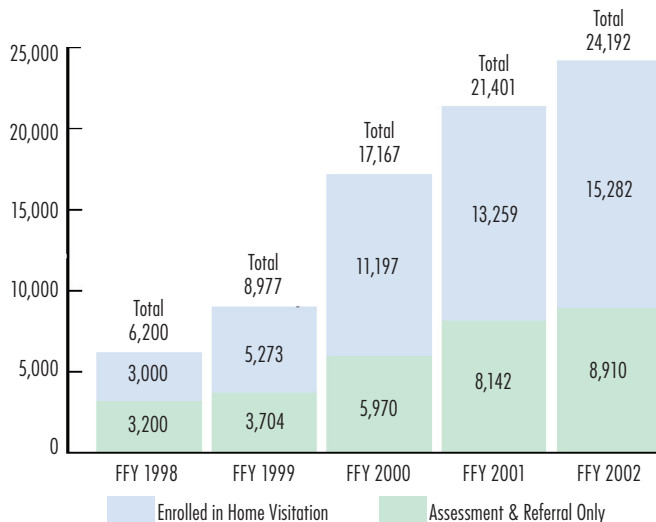
Of mothers enrolled in the program:

- 76% were single parents;
- 45% were less than 20 years old;
- 48% were first time parents.

Healthy Families America named Indiana's program a "National Center of Excellence," one of only two state programs in the nation to be so recognized because of its exceptional record of staff training and statewide implementation of program standards.

Total Number of Families Served by Healthy Families Indiana

(Assessments, Service Referrals and Home Visitation Enrollees)



Healthy Families stops the cycle of child abuse and neglect - a step now that will pay off for Hoosiers for decades.

- In state fiscal year 2002, HFI met with the families of more than 40,000 newborns. 24,192 parents of those newborns were then offered education and support services by HFI providers.
- Healthy Families Indiana also helped nearly 9,000 families in 2002 with information and community resource referrals to learn about appropriate discipline, child care, nutrition and other issues.
- In SFY 2002, at the largest Healthy Families site in the state, Allen County, 100 percent of all families that participated in the voluntary in-home visitation program had no substantiated cases of child abuse or neglect while in the program - despite being at higher risk of domestic problems.
- Healthy Families family resource specialists reached a key milestone in May, 2003 - 1 million home visits to healthy families participants since 1996.



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